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	09/506,449	ISHIKURA ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Sujatha Sharma	2681

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 5,18,28 and 34 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 6,19,23,35 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 5,18,28 and 34 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

 a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 5,18,28 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dykes[US 5,428,671].

Regarding claims 5,18,28 and 34, Dykes discloses a modem for tight coupling between a computer and a cellular telephone. Dykes discloses a phone configured to be connected to a base station via a radio channel. (See summary of invention, Fig. 1B). Dykes further discloses a control unit (10 in fig.1B) for controlling the phone and a modem (12 in fig.1B) for connecting the control unit and the phone (See fig.1B). Dykes further discloses a method where the communication apparatus is operated in one of first mode of communicating with a base station and a second mode in which the control unit controls the radio communication (See summary of invention especially lines 14-31 and Fig.1B and col.13, line 4 – col.14, line 67). Dykes further discloses a method where the phone transmits the status information to the data terminal and is displayed on the data terminal (See summary of invention especially lines 14-31 and Fig.1B and col.13, line 4 – col.14, line 67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 5,18,28, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Heikki [US 5,920,826].

Regarding claims 5,18,28 and 34, Heikki discloses a radiotelephone text transmission system. Heikki discloses a phone configured to be connected to a base station via a radio channel. (See col.2, lines 30-37). Heikki further discloses a control unit (504 in fig.5) for controlling the phone and a modem (312 in fig.3) for connecting the control unit and the phone (See fig.4). Heikki further discloses a method where the communication apparatus is operated in one of first mode of communicating with a base station and a second mode in which the control unit controls the radio communication (See summary of invention, Fig. 4 and Fig. 6 and). Dykes further discloses a method where the phone transmits the status information to the data terminal and is displayed

on the data terminal (See summary of invention and Fig.6 where the signal strength and battery status information is displayed).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 5,18,28,34 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kabe [US 6,397,089] discloses a portable terminal device.

Wilkie [US 5,940,383] discloses an automatic mode service selection.

Ezuriko [US 5,794,160] discloses a data communication interface having status memory for storing conditions of radio channel.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sujatha Sharma whose telephone number is 703-305-5298. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7.30am - 4.00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dwayne Bost can be reached on 703-305-4778. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned and for all official communications is 703-872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3800.


Sujatha Sharma

May 27, 2003


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Primary Examiner